

QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG. 22nd September, 1869.

OPIMUM.—Patna, New, ...	\$562½
Old, ...	540
Benares, New, ...	547½
Old, ...	570
Malswa, ...	670
Periana, ...	565, nom.
COTTON.—BOMBAY, ...	18 a 24
CALCUTTA, ...	17 a 23

Exchange.

Bank, 6 months' sight, ...	4/6 1/2
Credita, 6 "	4/7.
In Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs.	228
" Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs.	228
" Shanghai, 3 days' sight, Bank, Tia. 75	69, nom.
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B.,	4 a 5
Sycee,	4 a 5
Mexicans,	23.25
Gold Leaf, 999 touch,	23.25
Gold Bar, 98 touch,	22.80 a 23.
English Sovereigns,	4.53
Australian Sols,	4.53

Discount,	10 s 11
Gas Company Shares,	
H. & W. pos Dock, Old,	15 p. a. d.
l. & S. Bank Shares, Old,	29 p. p.
Do. do. New,	15 p. c. p.
Union Dock	40 p. a. d.

Temperature.

Полдень, 22nd September, 1869.

THERMOMETER—9 A.M., Dry, . . .		86
Do.	Wet, . . .	79
Do.	4 P.M., Dry, . . .	86
Do.	Wet, . . .	80
Self-registered Maximum, . . .		87
Do.	Min. over night, . . .	82
BAROMETER,— 9 A.M., . . .		\$0.1
Do.	4 P.M., . . .	\$0.0

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our columns are open to all who wish to address the public on legitimate grounds, and we do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions of our correspondents.

All communications addressed to this paper must be accompanied by the name of the sender, not necessarily for publication, but

DEATH.

Sept. 20, in the Seamen's Hospital, aged 84 years, of dysentery, **JOHN JAMES BREWSTER**, of Waterford, Ireland, 4th engineer of the P. & O. S. S. China.

THE CHINA MAIL.
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22, 1897.

We had hoped—being of a sanguine disposition—that the remarks recently published not merely by ourselves, but by many influential British journals,

would have induced the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce to have taken some action regarding the Western route to China scheme. All that is asked is a discussion and expression of opinion on the part of that body. It may be that those who advocate it are visionaries, enthusiasts, or it may be that they are strong-minded practical men. But in a

case, their representations have attracted so much attention in so many quarters that silence on the part of the Hongkong Chamber is almost discourteous. The Chambers of Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and Bradford, the Government of India, the British Commissioner in Bombay and even the Shanghai Chamber

Commerce have all expressed opinion
and published correspondence bearing
the matter. Yet our fellow colonists
remain quiescent! Do they think that
the trade of Hongkong would not
be affected by such an undertaking?
the trade route to China beyond the
"scope" of the Chamber?

05. **The London and China Herald** has some
40. trenchant remarks upon the Colonial
50. Office system, and though not remark-
00. able for particular goodwill to Hong-
kong and Hongkong officials, will doubt-
05. less do them some service by raising
questions which individual officials would
scarcely care to raise themselves. The

the Foreign Office agencies have been talked about a great deal too much to permit their continuance everybody is aware, but we fancy that the Colonial Office has hitherto managed to escape denunciations levelled against its mismanagement. We do not know if the charge be true or not; but if it be so it is high time that it be investigated. It

Herald wants to know what has been done with the percentage "which used to be deducted if it be not now" from the salaries enjoyed by Hongkong officials. It asserts that a percentage was always deducted, and that, worse still, a similar impost was levied on the often hardly-earned pensions granted to men who had served the Colony.

ALTHOUGH the local necessity for enquiry has passed away, we are not sorry to find that Mr White, the member for Brighton,

has given notice of the following motion:
"Hongkong (Coolie inquests) Amendment
for copies of all memorials to, or correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies upon the subject of the inquests, holden at Hongkong in the months of April and March last, upon the bodies of Chinese Coolie emigrants."

the correspondence will show
very prompt measures were taken
by the authorities to stop a disgraceful
state of affairs, but we may hope

it will demonstrate
to the same effect
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lators—the typical
Chinese as a civilized
ing them to be faithful,
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tion; those of singery
nity not less than
European. In fact,
opinion at home, as re-
that we have with
which prompts us to pre-
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29th July, Colonial S.
correspondence, men-
ministers, said paper
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that colony by relat-
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and the apparent im-
and that Mr. Macleod
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don Spectator, badly
for the "Cotton"
produced upon the
M.P., has recently be-
against the govern-
ment of the Spectator
words—

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debate which followed
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too wearisome to last
year after year. All
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impose, levied in the
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which would enable us
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the crop, and so make
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suppressing the cultiva-
more to represent the
why not suppress it?
any more than it is
suppress the parasite
will grow anywhere,
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Wz are requested by
Co. to state here the
needs of the Mercantile
shipping list? It is
himself concerned.

We have been request-
apprehending arising fr-
by Inspector Bailey wh-
Mr Baak was connected
Emigration. Mr Baak
and ain no way conn-
ship Frederick.

We learn that Brown
succeeded in his efforts
by his partner Mr H.W.

In our issue of the 8th
was stated that "Mr B."
appeared to answer a
stance of the Acting Ins-
that he, as a householder
15 Ship Street, did un-
port himself in a public
the terms of the Regula-
The case was remanded
defendant appropriate
the law. Under the
procedure against Mr
ving note to the report
"When men of business
oversight, or even in the
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as Mr Falconer was, so
that the first notice fr-
Department should be
to that of a summons to
trial." It is put to Mr
Mr Falconer is to be
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forms that Mr B.
Falconer suffers in
the negligence of his
any undue haste in
tation Department.
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to relieve Mr. Falconer
implied blame.

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is already known that
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yield of gold was ex-
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ing of quartz from it y-
gold from 500 lbs.
This will be good news
reaches Hongkong
there are other states
R. H.'s experience in
oats to us in home
which do not convey
pression.

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Mr Burlingame, is said
The king of the Gambia
him—he is a man whose

The London Gazette off-
promotions in the 73d
upon the death of M.
and brevet Major J.
for : Lieut. A. H. Sh-
and Ensign G. C. Hall-

A CAUTION correspond-
be pleased to hear th-
man has given a very
tion to the funds of the
near school at this port
Intelligent boys of poor
good education in Ex-
Last evening the river
minated with Chinese
noise from fire cracker
terrible.

No. 1969

Books, or Patten
September.
Further, late letters
addressed to the
Murrenville or to
posted on board
to 8.50 A.M. on

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Author's Preface.

Most persons whose avocations or studies are connected even remotely with Chinese subjects are wont to confess the need of a convenient manual of reference for the purpose of determining dates according to either the European or the Chinese method of computation; and a system of comparison for the names attributed to years, months, and other periods is also frequently a desideratum with translators and readers of Chinese literature. The compiler of the following tables has thought accordingly, that their publication in a convenient form may prove useful, although much yet remains to be done for the elaboration of comparative calendars, etc. that should leave nothing to be desired. With the exception of the Cyclical Table of Years, and the Table of Solar Terms, both of which were originally compiled by Dr. Morrison, and afterwards republished with improvements in Williams' Commercial Guide, there are now copied, the whole of the material assembled in the following pages for the first time made accessible to general reference.

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Intimations.

CHINESE PILOTAGE SERVICE.

GENERAL REGULATIONS WITH LOCAL RULES FOR THE PORT OF SWATOW.

GENERAL REGULATION I.

1. By-Laws and Rules necessary for the better ordering of pilotage matters at the Port are to be drawn up by the Harbour Master in consultation with the Consuls and Chamber of Commerce, with whom also it rests in the same way to fix the number of Pilots, tariff of charges, and define the limits of the Pilotage ground.

2. The number of Pilots for the Port of Swatow shall be six.

3. The Pilotage ground for the Port of Swatow shall be off Bill lalet to the lower limit of the anchorage Kahio Point.

4. The rates of pilotage shall be as follows for all sized vessels within the limits of the Pilotage ground: steamers or sailing vessels, \$2.50 per foot English measurement; Harbour Pilot for Berthing or Unberthing, 50 cents per foot English measurement.

GENERAL REGULATION II.

1. Pilots—Individuals. The subjects, citizens or protégés of Treaty Powers shall, equally with Natives of China, and without distinction of nationality, be eligible for appointment when vacancies occur, by the Board of Appointment, subject to the General Regulations now issued, and the By-Laws to be under them enforced at the several Ports respectively.

GENERAL REGULATION III.

1. The duties of the Harbour Pilot, where such exists, will be to take charge of vessels at the outer limit of the anchorage, berth them in accordance with the orders received from the Harbour Master's Department, take charge of vessels abiding berth, going in and out of dock, or to and from a wharf or out of the anchorage, and to assist and report to the Harbour Master's Office all matters concerning the shipping in Port, and the conservancy of the river or harbour.

GENERAL REGULATION IV.

1. Whenever there may be a vacancy among the Pilots, it shall be duly notified in the local press; and eight days afterwards the Board of Appointment shall proceed to fill it up by a competitive examination.

2. The Board may refuse to admit to the examination any one who, having once been a Licensed Pilot, has had his License withdrawn; and also any candidate who is unable to procure Consular Certificates as to Character, &c.

3. The examination shall be public and gratuitous, and the vacancies shall be given to the most competent among the candidates without distinction of nationality; provided always the competency of the person on the list be not relative but absolute.

4. The Council concerned may in person, or by deputy, be present and take part in the examination of candidates.

5. The majority of the votes of the members of the Board shall decide the admission of candidates for Pilots' License; each member having one vote in the Ballot, but in the absence of the Council concerned the Harbour Master shall have a casting vote.

GENERAL REGULATION V.

1. Pilots' Licenses shall be issued by the Commissioner of Customs in the name and on behalf of the Chinese Government; Licenses issued to Pilots not being natives of China shall subsequently be void and registered at the Consulate concerned.

2. Every Licensed Pilot shall be given a printed copy of the General Regulations and Local Rules and shall produce the same as well as his License when required.

3. On the first of July each year every Pilot shall pay the sum of Ten Taikwan Taels for the renewal of his License.

GENERAL REGULATION VI.

1. It shall be allowable for each Licensed Pilot to take an apprentice for whom he shall be responsible; on the application of the Pilot, the Harbour Master will supply Apprentices with special certificates.

2. When the circumstances of the Port appear to demand it, the Harbour Master may authorize apprentices to act temporarily and within certain limits, as Pilots; provided they have received certificates of competency from the Board of Appointment.

GENERAL REGULATION VII.

1. Licensed Pilots may carry on their business either singly or in Companies. They must pay due respect to the wishes and instructions of the Harbour Master, under whose order and control they are placed, and who is invested with power to suspend or dismiss, subject to an appeal to the Consul concerned; when the Pilot is a Foreigner, the appeal to be lodged within three days.

2. Any one piloting without a License, shall be subject to prosecution before his own authorities, who will deal with the offender in accordance with the Laws of his Country. Any Pilot lending his License to another will be proceeded against and dealt with in the same way, in addition to forfeiting his License.

3. Any Commanding Officer employing an unlicensed person to pilot his vessel will be liable to be fined in the sum of One Hundred Taels by the authorities to whose jurisdiction he is amenable.

GENERAL REGULATION VIII.

